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Council adopts 1986 Power Plan

After a year-long process of publishing its studies and considering extensive public comment, the Northwest Power Planning Council adopted the new 1986 Northwest Power Plan January 23, at a meeting in Portland, Oregon. The plan states, "The status quo is leading the region in a direction that will benefit neither the Northwest's ratepayers nor the Northwest economy. This plan points to a better future, one in which all the region's power institutions cooperate to develop and share the lowest cost resources for the entire Pacific Northwest."

Cooperation will stabilize electrical power rates and enable the Northwest economy to retain a competitive edge. The "worst scenario," the Council notes, is one in which low-cost conservation remains undeveloped in utility areas with surplus electricity while other utilities turn to much more costly thermal resources. In its plan, the Council notes that the region could save $2.2 billion over the next 20 years by developing resources cooperatively. This involves transferring conservation savings from utilities with surplus power to those with growing power needs, strategies for better use of the existing hydropower system, and preservation of two unfinished nuclear plants as potential options that could be completed at lower cost than new coal plants if the demand for power grows rapidly.

The new plan emphasizes the following priorities. Specific activities to achieve these objectives are outlined in the plan's Action Plan.

- **Securing "lost opportunity" resources.** These cost-effective resources, if not developed now, could be lost forever to the region. The most prominent example is model conservation standards for new buildings. If buildings are not constructed to be energy efficient now, they will continue to use electricity inefficiently long after the surplus is over

- **Promoting a stronger regional role for the Bonneville Power Administration.** The Council is calling on Bonneville to take a more aggressive role in forging regional cooperation. The Council particularly points to the need for Bonneville to develop a predictable rate for new resources so that investor-owned utilities will have an incentive to turn to Bonneville for power as an alternative to developing more expensive resources on their own.

- **Developing conservation on a regional basis.** This involves sharing of conservation costs and benefits among utilities.

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- **Strategies to make better use of the hydropower system.** The region would use combustion turbines or other resources to back up (make fully reliable) 700 megawatts of nonfirm hydropower (hydropower that is usually, but not always, available, depending on rainfall and snowpack).

- **Building conservation capability in all sectors.** While there is a current surplus of power, the Council wants conservation programs to be developed and tested so they can come on line when they are needed

- **Demonstrating the cost effectiveness of renewable resources (wind, geothermal, solar) so they will be available before the region has to build new thermal generating resources.**

- **Allocating costs of two unfinished nuclear plants and removing barriers to their completion.**

- **Studying electrical power sales and purchases between regions.**

The resource portfolio in the 1986 Power Plan presents schedules, costs and amounts of resources that are available and most cost effective to meet the region's growing power demand.

Call or write Judy Allender at the Council's Portland office for the 1986 Northwest Power Plan. It will be available in final printed form by about March 15. **(If you have received the draft, you will automatically receive the final plan.)**

Recent Council publications

Compilation of Information on Salmon and Steelhead Losses in the Columbia River Basin (Revised). This document will form part of the information basis for setting salmon and steelhead restoration and mitigation goals. Available in early March.

Hungry Horse Issue Paper. Evaluates proposals to mitigate wildlife losses attributable to Hungry Horse Dam in Montana. Available in February.

Meetings of note

Council Meetings: February 13-14 [NOTE: Thursday and Friday] in Boise, Idaho. Future meetings are scheduled for March 12-13 and April 9-10. Call Council headquarters for specific locations, or read it in the next issue of *update!*

Hydropower Assessment Steering Committee: Tuesday, February 4, 9:30 a.m., at Council headquarters in Portland. Agenda: Rivers study, production objectives, protected areas, site ranking, supply curve: cumulative impacts study (Argonne). FERC update.

Losses and Goals Advisory Committee: Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 a.m., at Council headquarters. Agenda: Contributions issue scoping, goals issue scoping.

Production Planning Advisory Committee: Friday, February 21, 9:30 a.m., at Council headquarters. Agenda: Genetics principles; outplanting supplementation; production objectives.

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Council moves to monthly meetings

Beginning this spring the Northwest Power Planning Council will switch its public meeting schedule from once every three weeks to monthly meetings. This change will give the Council members more time to conduct public involvement activities in their own states between meetings. This publication, *update*, will also follow this new schedule.

Recent Council publications

1986 Power Plan. (Do not send for this final version of the power plan if you received the draft. You will be sent the final automatically.) Available in late March.

Response to Comments on 1986 Power Plan. Council staff responses to public comment received on the plan.

Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Applications. A total of 83 applications to amend the fish and wildlife program were received. This multi-volume set incorporates all applications.

Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Goals Study Contributions Issue Paper. This paper discusses hydropower's contribution to fish and wildlife losses in the Columbia River Basin.

Staff Report on Compilation of Information on Salmon and Steelhead Losses in the Columbia River Basin. This document will form part of the information basis for setting salmon and steelhead restoration and mitigation goals. Available in early March.

Hungry Horse Dam: Wildlife Mitigation Proposal Issue Paper. Evaluates proposals to mitigate wildlife losses attributable to Hungry Horse Dam in Montana.

Meetings of note

Council Meetings. March 12-13 in Council's offices in Portland, Oregon. April 9-10 in Missoula, Montana at the Village Red Lion. May 14-15 in Seattle, Washington at the Federal Building.

Losses and Goals Advisory Committee: Tuesday, March 11, 9:30 a.m., at Council headquarters in Portland. (Call Council offices for confirmation and agenda.)

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Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Applications. A total of 83 applications to amend the fish and wildlife program were received. This five-volume set incorporates all of these applications. The Council will be reviewing them and, by February 18, 1987, either adopt, reject or modify the proposals. Public hearings and other opportunities for comment, both oral and written, will be announced in this newsletter.

Hydropower Responsibility Issue Paper--Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Goals Study. Deals with the degree to which the hydropower system contributed to the fishery losses in the Columbia River System and the extent to which Northwest ratepayers are responsible for restoring the salmon and steelhead runs. Public comment will be taken at the May 14 and 15 Council meeting in Seattle, Washington, and written comment will be accepted through May 16. (This was previously called the Contributions Issue Paper.)

Staff Issue Paper on Bonneville's Conservation/Modernization Program for the Direct Service Industries. Discusses the criteria that will trigger a major resource review process (Section 6(c) of the Northwest Power Act) and assesses the Direct Service Industries' conservation/modernization program. The paper is being presented at the April 9-10 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the May 14-15 meeting.

Meetings of note

Council Meetings: April 9-10 in Missoula, Montana at the Village Red Lion. May 14-15 in Seattle, Washington at the Federal Building. June 11-12 in Idaho.

State Agency Task Force: April 1, 9 a.m., at the Council's central office in Portland, Oregon. Agenda: overview of the 1986 Power Plan, cost-effectiveness analysis, Action Plan implementation.

Mainstem Passage Advisory Committee: April 2, 9 a.m., at the Council's central office in Portland, Oregon. Agenda: draft 1986 juvenile fish passage plan, alternatives to summer spill, presentation of the Council's production planning process.

Resident Fish Substitutions Advisory Committee: April 23, 9:30 a.m., at the Council's central office in Portland, Oregon. Agenda: hydropower responsibility issue paper and resident fish substitutions amendment applications.

Hydropower Assessment Steering Committee: April 24, 9:30 a.m., at the Council's central office in Portland, Oregon. Call the central office for agenda.

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1986 Power Plan

The *1986 Northwest Conservation And Electric Power Plan* is now available! Adopted by the Council in January 1986, the plan is a blueprint for meeting the region's electrical energy needs for the next twenty years at the lowest possible cost. It supersedes the 1983 Power Plan.

The plan has been sent to those people who received the draft version last fall. If you have not received it and would like to, please contact Judy Allender (see below under "Recent Council publications).

Court upholds Council

"...we uphold both the constitutionality of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council, a policy-making body established by that Act, and the validity of the Council's 1983 Northwest Conservation and Electric Power Plan."

This was the decision handed down on April 10, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in a lawsuit filed against the Council by a group of homebuilders and industry representatives, led by the Seattle Master Builders Association.

The suit, filed in July 1983, disputed the validity of the Council's model conservation standards (measures to make new buildings more energy efficient in terms of electricity use),and the Council's legal authority to impose them.

The court denied the homebuilders' arguments about the cost effectiveness of the standards as well as denying their contention that the Council's manner of calculating the standards was arbitrary and capricious. The court also found the Council to be an interstate compact agency and, as such, correctly set up under the terms of the U.S. Constitution.

Fish and wildlife amendments

Last July, the Council requested recommendations from interested parties to amend its Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. By the February 1986 deadline, more than 80 applications had been received. The Council is now beginning an extensive review process on those applications

The Council and its staff will consult on the applications, hear preliminary public comments, and make preliminary decisions between late April and early September 1986. A draft amendment document, containing these preliminary decisions, will be released in October, for hearings and other opportunities for consultations and oral and written public comment through mid-December 1986. Final action on the applications will be taken from December 1986 through February 1987.

See below under "Recent Council publications" to order documents related to this process.

Conference

The future of electricity in the Pacific Northwest is the topic of a conference sponsored by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Oregon League of Women Voters. The First Annual Electricity Futures Symposium will be held May 2, 1986 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Inn at the Quay in Vancouver, Washington.

Conference speakers include: Senator Dan Evans (WA); Representative Al Swift (WA); Roger Sant, nationally-known author; Bob Saxvik, Chairman of the Northwest Power Planning Council; Peter Johnson, Bonneville Administrator; and others.

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Summary of Amendment Applications: Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Over 80 applications to amend the fish and wildlife program were received. This document summarizes each.

Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment Applications. This five-volume set contains the complete text of all the applications for amendment the Council received.

Staff Issue Paper on the Impact of Oil and Gas Price Changes on the Power Plan. This paper is being presented at the May 14-15 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the June 11-12 meeting in Ketchum, Idaho, and written comment will be accepted through June 13.

Power Planning Division Workplan. 1986 activities for the Council's power planning Division. This is being presented to the Council at the May 14-15 Council meeting and will be distributed to the public in late May.

Western Energy Study Draft Workplan. The Western Energy Study will examine the costs and benefits of potential cooperative efforts among the Pacific Northwest, the Pacific Southwest, and Western Canada. The workplan will be distributed for comment in late May.

Meetings of note

Council Meetings: May 14-15 in Seattle, Washington at the Federal Building. June 11-12 in Ketchum, Idaho at Elkhorn. July 9-10 in Washington.

State Agency Advisory Committee: May 13, in Seattle, Washington at the World Trade Center. Agenda: Action Plan implementation, power planning division workplan, decision analysis modeling.

Resident Fish Substitutions Advisory Committee: May 20, 9:30 a.m., in Spokane, Washington at the Airport Ramada Inn. Agenda: resident fish substitutions amendment applications.

Hydropower Assessment Steering Committee: June 5, in Olympia, Washington. Call the central office for agenda.

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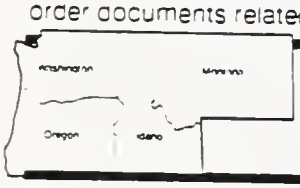
Fish and wildlife amendments

This year the Council is considering over 80 possible amendments to the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The schedule has been revised from that announced last month in *Update!*

At the June 10-12 meeting the Council will receive briefings and public comment on those proposed amendments that deal with major mainstem Columbia and Snake River issues. The remaining proposals are currently being reviewed by the Council's staff in preparation for the Council's draft amendment document, which will be available for public review in September. Final action on the applications will be taken from December 1986 through February 1987.

These proposed amendments were received from various interested parties in response to the Council's call for recommendations, which went out last summer.

See below under "Recent Council publications" to order documents related to this process.



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1986 Northwest Power Plan. The 20-year electrical power plan for the Northwest.

Response to Comments on 1986 Power Plan. Council staff responses to public comment received on the plan.

Note—if you have already received the *Response to Comments*: there is an error on page 13 in the third paragraph. "Coal, 4,520 megawatts" should be "Coal: 5,425 megawatts."

Staff Report on Salmon and Steelhead Planning. Describes the Council's planning activities for the rest of the year and seeks comments on a number of technical issues including the systemwide planning model and genetics. This paper is being presented at the June 10-12 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the July 9-10 meeting in Spokane, Washington. This report also contains two technical reports. One on genetic considerations for salmon and steelhead planning and the other on the salmon and steelhead planning model.

Staff Issue Paper on Salmon and Steelhead Research. Discusses the Council's fish and wildlife research program. This paper is being presented at the June 10-12 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the July 9-10 meeting in Spokane, Washington, and written comment will be accepted through July 11.

Staff Issue Paper on the Impact of Oil and Gas Price Changes on the Power Plan. While the drop in the price of crude oil will have little impact on the Council's power plan in the near term, the potential impact on Bonneville Power Administration rates could be significant. This paper was presented at the May 14-15 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the June 10-12 meeting in Ketchum, Idaho, and written comment will be accepted through June 13.

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Northwest Power Planning Council Draft Fiscal Year 1988 Budget and Fiscal Year 1987 Revisions. Written comment is being accepted through June 13. Oral comment will be taken at the June 10-12 Council meeting in Ketchum, Idaho.

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Meetings of note

Council Meetings June 10-12 in Ketchum, Idaho at Elkhorn. July 9-10 in Spokane, Washington at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park. August 6-7 in Kalispell, Montana.

State Agency Advisory Committee: July 11 in Spokane, Washington. Call the central office for agenda.

Hydropower Assessment Steering Committee June 5, in Olympia, Washington. Call the central office for agenda.

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Hydropower responsibility set

At its last meeting, the Council made a preliminary determination that the salmon and steelhead losses in the Columbia River Basin due to hydropower are between 5 and 11 million fish.

The proposed estimate of responsibility is in addition to the 2.5 million salmon and steelhead currently produced annually in the basin. The statement of responsibility does not state how many, how fast, or in what way restoration of runs will be realized or whether they can be. These questions are being addressed in the production planning process. The proposed statement of hydropower responsibility will be incorporated into the draft amendment document circulated in September for public review.

Workshops on fish production model

Throughout the Columbia River Basin, the Council's staff is holding a series of workshops to demonstrate and take comments on the Council's computerized Columbia River Fish Production Model. The model simulates the life cycle of salmon and steelhead and will be used by the Council for examining policy alternatives in its production planning process.

The workshops will be held on the following dates (all begin at 10 a.m.)

July 8	Cavanaugh's Inn, Audubon Room, W 303 N River Drive, Spokane, Washington.
July 14	Supreme Court Building, Basement meeting room, 451 State Street, Boise, Idaho
July 16	Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington
July 18	Towne Plaza Motor Inn, N 7th Street and E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington
July 21-22	Council central office, Portland, Oregon

If you would like more information on the workshops please call Chip McConnaha at (503)222-5161, or toll free 1-800-452-2324 (Oregon), or 1-800-222-3355 (Idaho, Montana, and Washington).

Cabinet Gorge Fish Hatchery

A video program, *Return to the River - The Story of the Cabinet Gorge Kokanee Hatchery*, is available from the Northwest Power Planning Council and Washington Water Power.

The program, produced by Washington Water Power, describes the first hatchery constructed under the Council's fish and wildlife program. The hatchery's production of about 20 million fry each year will help reverse the declining kokanee populations in northern Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille. The decline has been caused by the construction of dams and the introduction of an exotic species of shrimp. The hatchery is a joint venture of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Washington Water Power Company and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The video in a VHS format may be borrowed from Judy Allender at the Council (see below under publications) or in VHS, BETA, and 3/4-inch formats from Angela Mansfield, Public Affairs Department, Washington Water Power, P.O. Box 3727, Spokane, Washington 99220, (509)489-0500.

Recent Council Publications

Northwest Power Planning Council Draft Annual Report: 1986. The report will be presented to Congress in October 1986. Public comment is being taken on the draft through August 8, 1986

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Council Meetings July 9-10 in Spokane Washington at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park. August 6-7 in Kalispell, Montana

State Agency Advisory Committee: July 11 in Spokane, Washington. Agenda: Current B.C. Hydro site situation, 7(f) and the Bonneville Power Administration marketing strategy, generic 6(c) process, update on decision analysis modeling

Production Planning Advisory Committee: July 1 in Seattle, Washington, at the International Trade Center, Room 171, at Sea-Tac Airport. Agenda: salmon and steelhead research, salmon and steelhead planning, salmon and steelhead planning model.

Mainstem Passage Advisory Committee: July 25, in Portland, Oregon, at the Council's central office. Call the central office for agenda.

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Fish and wildlife amendments

At the August 6-7 meeting, the Council is planning to release for public comment a draft amendment document for the fish and wildlife program. This document contains the preliminary decisions made by the Council's staff, and in some cases the Council, to adopt, modify or reject each of the more than 80 amendment applications the Council received from various parties last winter. About two-thirds of the applications are proposed for adoption, about one-third for rejection.

The draft amendment document will be distributed in early September, but it can be ordered now. See below for ordering information.

Public comment will be taken through December, with hearings being held in each state during October. Hearing dates are listed below under "Meetings of Note." The next issue of Update! will contain instructions for signing up to comment at the hearings.

Using the public comment received, the Council will evaluate the preliminary decisions contained in the draft amendment document and adopt the final amendments in February 1987.

Meetings of note

Council Meetings. August 6-7 at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana; September 17-18 at Council office in Portland, Oregon.

Hydropower Assessment Advisory Committee. August 21 in Boise, Idaho.

State Agency Advisory Committee. August 27, 9 a.m. at the Council's office in Helena, Montana.

Fish And Wildlife Hearings.
Public comment opportunities on the draft amendment document.

October 2 - Spokane, Washington. Time and exact location still to be decided.

October 7 - the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, Montana. 7 p.m.

October 8 - the Village Red Lion in Missoula, Montana. 7 p.m.

October 13 - Portland, Oregon. 1 p.m. - evening. Exact location still to be decided.

October 21 - Red Lion Riverside in Boise, Idaho. 1:30 p.m. - evening.

Recent Council publications

Draft Amendment Document: Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Available in early September. See above for more information.

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Joint Bonneville Power Administration/Council Issue Paper on Resource Acquisition Provisions of the Northwest Power Act - Section 6(c). This paper is expected to be presented to the Council at the August 6-7 meeting. Public comment will be taken at that meeting and the September 17-18 meeting.

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Western Energy Study Draft Workplan. The purpose of this study is to improve understanding of the potential costs and benefits of additional electrical power transactions between the Pacific Northwest and other parts of the western United States and Canada. The draft workplan was presented at the July 9-10 Council meeting. Public comment will be taken at the August 6-7 meeting in Whitefish, Montana.

Staff Issue Paper on Salmon and Steelhead Research. Discusses the Council's fish and wildlife research program. This paper was presented at the June 10-12 Council meeting and public comment was taken at the July 9-10 meeting. The Council is scheduled to make a decision on it at the August 6-7 meeting in Whitefish, Montana.

Procedure for Responding to Petitions for Rulemaking to Revise the Northwest Power Plan. This was adopted at the June 10-12 Council meeting in Ketchum, Idaho.

Northwest Power Planning Council Draft Annual Report: 1986. The final report will be presented to Congress in October 1986. Public comment is being taken on the draft through August 8, 1986.

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Fish and wildlife amendments

The *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program: 1986 Draft Amendment Document* is now available! It contains the preliminary decisions to adopt, modify or reject each of more than 80 amendment applications the Council received from various parties last winter as well as amendment proposals from the Council and/or its staff.

The document is being distributed for public comment. See below to order your copy and for information on how to comment.

The Council will consider all the comments received and adopt final amendments in February 1987.

Major features of the amendments

The following proposals are the major features of the draft amendment document:

- A statement of hydropower responsibility for salmon and steelhead losses, proposed by the Council last spring.
- A description of the Council's approach to system planning for salmon and steelhead, based on a June 1986 Council staff issue paper on the same subject.
- Guiding principles and areas of emphasis for salmon and steelhead research.
- Provision for Bonneville Power Administration funding of the collection of data on hatchery and natural production.
- A policy on resident fish substitutions (proposed by the Council last spring) and the proposed addition of a variety of resident fish "substitution" projects to mitigate the effects of hydropower development in the blocked areas above Chief Joseph and Hells Canyon dams.
- Changes in Water Budget accounting and transportation policy and rejection of spill increases, proposed by the Council at its July meeting in Spokane.
- Changes in funding of habitat and tributary passage projects.
- Support for Bonneville funding of a spring chinook hatchery in northeastern Oregon.
- Provision of Bonneville power for a Umatilla pumping project to aid provision of flows for fish.
- Recognition of the Montana Power Company agreement to fund the purchase of water from Painted Rocks Reservoir to maintain flows for fish.
- Wildlife plans to mitigate the effects of Libby and Hungry Horse dams in Montana.
- No definite schedule for future amendment proceedings.

How to comment on the amendments

Written comment on the draft amendment document will be accepted through 5 p.m., Monday, December 15, 1986. Oral testimony will be taken at the following public hearings.

October 2 1 p.m. - evening: Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park W 303 N River Drive, Ballroom B, Spokane, Washington.

October 8, 1 p.m. - evening: The Portland Building, 1120 S.W. 5th Avenue, second floor Auditorium, Portland, Oregon.

October 21 1:30 p.m. - evening: Red Lion Riverside, Boise, Idaho.

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October 22 (not October 7 as previously announced). 7 p.m.. Outlaw Inn. Kalispell. Montana

October 23 (not October 8 as previously announced). 7 p.m.: Village Red Lion. 100 Madison. Missoula. Montana.

Requests for time slots to testify at the hearings must be made at least two work days prior to the hearings to Ruth Curtis at the Council's central office (toll free number is 1-800-222-3355 in Idaho. Montana and Washington or 1-800-452-2324 in Oregon). Those who do not sign up in advance will be allowed to testify as time permits. Follow the guidelines listed on page v of the draft amendment document for submitting oral or written comments

Meetings of note

Mainstem Passage Advisory Committee: September 11. 9 a.m.. at Council office in Portland. Oregon.

Council Meetings: September 17-18 at Council office in Portland. Oregon. October 15-16 in Moscow. Idaho. November 12-13 in Portland. Oregon.

Hydropower Assessment Advisory Committee: October 9. 10 a.m.. at Council office in Portland. Oregon.

State Agency Advisory Committee: October 20. at Council office in Portland. Oregon.

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Draft Amendment Document: Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. Available in early September See above for more information.

Possible Alternatives Available for Responding to the Petition of Senator Al Williams to Conduct a Reassessment of the Preservation of WNP-1 and WNP-3.

1986 Northwest Power Planning Council Sixth Annual Report. Available October 1. If you already requested a copy of the draft you will automatically receive a copy of the final.

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NORTHWEST POWER PLANNING COUNCIL

December 30, 1986

New Council officers

Robert Duncan of Oregon was elected chairman of the Northwest Power Planning Council, and Morris Brusett of Montana was elected vice chairman at the Council's monthly meeting in Seattle, Washington, December 10-11.

As a member of the U.S. Congress, Duncan participated in the legislation that culminated in the Northwest Power Act. This legislation authorized creation of the Council by the Northwest states. Duncan represented Oregon's 4th Congressional District from 1963-67 and the 3rd Congressional District from 1974-1980. He also served three terms in the Oregon Legislature and was speaker of the Oregon House twice.

Duncan is a lawyer and, prior to his appointment to the Council by Governor Vic Atiyeh in January 1986, had been from time to time a partner in the Portland law firms of Schwabe, Williamson, Wyatt, Moore and Roberts; Lindsay, Nahstoll, Hart, Duncan, DeFoe and Krause; and the Medford firm of McAllister, Duncan and Brophy.

Brusett was director of the Montana Department of Administration when he was appointed to the Council by Governor Ted Schwinden in January 1985. As director, he served as treasurer of the state and chairman of the Governor's Capital Finance Advisory Council. A certified public accountant, Brusett also served for 14 years as Montana's legislative auditor from 1967 to 1982.

Officers of the Council are elected by the eight Council members and hold their positions for one year. Both the Duncan and Brusett elections were unanimous.

Bonneville work plans

The Bonneville Power Administration's draft work plans are now available for public review. The Northwest Power Planning Council will be taking public comment on the plans at its January 14-15 meeting in Portland, Oregon.

The purpose of these work plans is to set out in detail the actions Bonneville intends to take to meet the objectives of the Action Plan in the Council's *1986 Northwest Power Plan*. The Action Plan outlines those near-term objectives which must be met if the overall goals of the 20-year plan are to be achieved.

In its Action Plan, the Council stated it would conduct a review of the Bonneville work plans, including affording the opportunity for public comment, to determine if the work plans are consistent with the Northwest Power Plan and the Northwest Power Act.

For copies of the Bonneville work plans, please write or call the Council's public involvement division (see below).

Council nominated for award

Senator Dan Evans of Washington State has nominated the Northwest Power Planning Council for the Tyler Prize--the most prestigious worldwide award offered specifically for accomplishments in the fields of environmental protection and energy technology.

Evans' letter of nomination praised the Council for having "broken new ground in strategic planning for the entire North American utility industry" and for pioneering "new concepts in water management and hydropower coordination which are already bearing fruit" for the fish and wildlife in the Columbia Basin.

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The Council's nomination--one of 40 worldwide--was seconded by Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Ralph Cavanagh of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Professor Gary Brewer of the Yale School of Organization and Management. Also supporting the Council's nomination were: James Jura, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration; Stanley Hulett, commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission; Merrill Schultz, director of the Intercompany Pool (representing Northwest utilities); and Marc Sullivan, executive director of the Northwest Conservation Act Coalition (representing the region's conservationists).

The Tyler Prize is awarded to international leaders, both individuals and organizations, who have benefited humanity in the fields of ecology or energy. Since it was first awarded in 1973, the Tyler Prize has been the largest achievement award presented by an American institution.

Winners of the Tyler Prize will be announced in May 1987.

New Council general counsel

D. Robert "Bob" Lohn has been selected as the Council's new general counsel.

Lohn most recently was an attorney with a law firm in Oakland, California. Prior to that, he served for three years as the Director of the Office of Staff Attorneys for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. He has also taught law at the University of Georgia and was a Rusk Fellow at the Dean Rusk Center at the University of Georgia. Between 1976 and 1978, Lohn served as general counsel to the governor of Montana.

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Meetings

Council Meetings: January 14-15 and January 28-29 at the Council's central office in Portland, Oregon. February 11-12 (call the central office for time and location).

State Agency Advisory Committee: February 5, in Boise, Idaho (call the central office for time and location).

Recent Council publications

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The Bonneville Power Administration's Work Plans. See above.

Council Staff Review of the Bonneville Power Administration's WNP-1 and WNP-3 Study. This is being presented at the January 14-15 Council meeting.

Notice of Final Model Conservation Standards Amendment. The Council's decision on the current amendment process. This will not be available until after the January 14-15 Council meeting.

Brief of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. The brief was filed before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Seattle Master Builders Association et al. suit.

1986 Northwest Power Plan. The 20-year electrical power plan for the Northwest (2 volumes, 1986).